

8.0 COMPLIANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

8.1 Compliance Awareness

Educational and training programs will continue at MCAS Miramar as proactive measures to prevent violations of natural resource-related laws and regulations. A Station Welcome Aboard Brief for new personnel includes a brief environmental segment that includes natural resource awareness. A 24-hour Environmental Management Course is taught quarterly that includes a one-half-hour presentation on natural and cultural resources, with an emphasis on the protection of Special Status Species, wetlands, and cultural resources, and a reminder about MCAS Miramar's policy prohibiting off-road vehicle activity that is not specifically authorized. Natural resource compliance and conservation awareness efforts include educating Station personnel about natural resources and use of this INRMP. To support all of these efforts, an informational brochure providing "Natural and Cultural Resources Protection Guidelines" has been produced and printed in large quantities for distribution. The current INRMP is available on the MCAS website, www.miramar.usmc.mil.

8.2 Environmental Compliance and Natural Resources-related Enforcement

Violations documented by the Station organization responsible for compliance are referred to the Station Commanding Officer for determination regarding reporting, investigation, adjudication, and corrective and/or punitive actions. Law enforcement associated with individual actions beyond official federal duties, including poaching, will be the responsibility of the Provost Marshal's Office, or other entity as directed by the Commanding Officer, with technical assistance from the Environmental Management Department, Natural Resources Division.

Fishing at the MCAS Miramar Fish Pond is operated under a CDFG Aquaculture permit, which allows the Station the freedom to manage this fishing program differently than under general state fishing regulations. Personnel are not required to possess a state fishing license. Regulations applicable to the Fish Pond were jointly developed by the Marine Corps Community Services Department, which manages all recreational aspects, and the Environmental Management Department to conserve the fishery for the enjoyment of authorized MCCS patrons. MCCS, working with the military police, oversee enforcement of the Fish Pond regulations. The Environmental Management Department maintains the CDFG Aquaculture Permit for the Fish Pond.

Occasionally, the services of state and federal fish and wildlife agency enforcement personnel may be used where their technical expertise or extra manpower is needed. Marine Corps policy is to permit access to installation lands by federal, state, and local conservation personnel for official purposes after proper safety and security measures are taken (paragraph 11104, Chapter 11, MCO P5090.2_).

The Ground Training Office enforces the training instructions relative to military operational activity. Station Order P3500.2, *Training Area Regulations*, has been prepared to govern military ground training on MCAS Miramar. Chapter 2 of this order outlines environmental requirements that are designed to conserve and protect natural resources on MCAS Miramar.

The Environmental Management Department provides technical support to plan for and address environmental compliance for all Station activities. Compliance for project implementation and maintenance activities is achieved through the Public Works Division site approval process, including compliance with NEPA, ESA, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. Compliance with natural and cultural resources laws and regulations needed for

accidental or unintentional impacts will be achieved through the Environmental Management Department, in coordination with the responsible parties, legal counsel, and the Provost Marshal's Office, as appropriate.